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Rectory Office Hours: Monday through  
Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

The Presentation of the Lord  
February 2nd, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
12:05 PM - Francis John Beaujon  
(Req. by Family)

**TUESDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
12:05 PM - Sammy Paonessa  
(Req. by Ed Torchia & Lester Reitz)

**WEDNESDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
5:30 PM - Paul Schmidt  
(Req. by Pamela & Loren Haumen)  
\*Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
after Mass until 6:30 PM\*

**THURSDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Private Mass

**FRIDAY** - First Friday  
12:05 PM - James Rován  
(Req. by Chuck & Pat Sura)  
\*Adoration of Blessed Sacrament after Mass\*

**SATURDAY** - Vigil of 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 PM - Pro Populo

**SUNDAY** - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 AM - Joanne Thomas  
(Req. by Stephanie Rovánek)

SANCTUARY CANDLE  
In Memory of Sammy Paonessa  
(Req. by Ed Torchia & Lester Reitz)

The daily readings; may be found  
at either USCCB.ORG or under  
the headings of daily readings  
listed in back of the missalette.

**IN LOVING MEMORY:** The Sanctuary Lamp is  
available for your intentions by calling the  
parish office. Please attempt to request your in-  
tentions as early as possible. A \$10 donation is  
suggested.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Confessions are  
heard from 6:30 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday  
Evenings. DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR, CONFESSIONS  
WILL BE HEARD FROM 3:00 PM until 3:40 PM  
THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH. Confes-  
sion may ALWAYS be arranged with Fr. John per-  
sonally by calling the rectory office. Please avail  
yourselves to this life-giving sacrament!

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Scheduled no less  
than nine months prior to the date of mar-  
riage. Four preparation sessions with the pas-  
tor, as well as all diocesan requirements, must  
be met. All Catholic candidates for Marriage  
must be registered, practicing members of a  
parish at least 6 months prior to scheduling the  
wedding. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Baptisms are generally cele-  
brated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Pre-  
baptismal instructions must be completed by  
the parents at least 3 weeks prior to the celebra-  
tion of the sacrament. Catholic godparents  
must obtain a letter of eligibility from their pas-  
tors four weeks in advance. Baptisms are never  
celebrated during the Season of Lent. **ANoint-  
ING OF THE SICK:** Celebrated after any Sunday  
Mass as requested and as a parish during the  
Easter Season.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Forms are located on the back  
page of the bulletin (or on the parish website) to  
be filled out and sent to the parish. Registrations  
are also welcome by phone.

VISITATION PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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Check One: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Moving Out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to Rectory. 814-536-6110



\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$  
Collection - January 26, 2025

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Loose Money.....       | \$317.00  |
| Sunday Collection..... | \$3082.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary..... | \$40.00   |
| Initial Offering.....  | \$25.00   |
| California Fires.....  | \$236.00  |
| Sanctuary Candle.....  | \$10.00   |
| Parking Lot Rent.....  | \$140.00  |
|                        |           |
| TOTAL:                 | \$3850.00 |

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Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:  
*Anonymous Petitioners, Pat Balagusz, Ralph Blair, David Clark, Ronald Cleaver, Dolores Danner, Francis Dietz, Dorothy Fisher, Barbara Fox, Paul Harnish, Catherine Heinlein, Mary Carol Hill and children, Donna Johnson, Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Betsy Konar, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Dick Krumenacker, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leflie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia Mainhart, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Myla Minner, Pauline Molchany, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petro-ro, Anna Marie Pfeil, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rován, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovickovski, Shirley Slovickovski, Megan Varnecky, Christi Vavrek, Carrie Young*  
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**Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of February 3rd to February 9th:**



William Lansberry  
Shannon Stephens

Kathleen Hipp  
Elizabeth Cramer

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**The invitations to participate in all of the devotions associated with the spiritual life and vigor of our parish continue to be extended to all parishioners. We pray the rosary every Saturday evening at approximately 3:30 PM prior to mass as well as every Tuesday at 6:00 PM. On Wednesdays, Mass is celebrated at 5:30 PM followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM. This will continue to be extended to all parishioners. We also pray the litany of St. Joseph since Wednesday is dedicated to him as the patron of the Universal Church. Remember the parish intention is for Fr. John’s health, however, personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own.**  
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**Home Visits with the Eucharist** - If you or someone you know cannot come to Church and would like to receive the Eucharist, please fill out the form on the parish website or call the parish office and give your name to the secretary. We will be certain that you or your loved one will receive the Lord regularly as you rightly deserve. Please call as soon as possible since we would like to have you included in the list for First Friday visits.

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**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - MUSIC BINGO -FEBRUARY 8, 2025.** Doors open at 5:00 PM. First game starts at 7:00PM. Ticket includes food and non-alcoholic beverages. Cash prizes every half hour!! Also available for purchase will be Qualifiers, 50/50, & basket chances. \$7.00 Beer bracelets will be available. Tables can be reserved. \$20/person, tickets are available before and after all weekend Masses. You also can call Fran King at 814-536-3667.  
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**Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men’s Conference**—Sunday, March 30, 2025 from 11:00 AM until 5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Please join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. Visit [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org) to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via email. Registration closes on March 21st. Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating.. Please note that the flyers in the main vestibule of the Church do not explain the theme of the conference. For more information regarding the theme of the day, you must contact Tony Degol at 814-695-5579 for any specific details. Parishes do not have any more information that that which is contained in promotional materials sent out by the diocese.  
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**Important Meetings this Week:**  
**6:00 PM: Tues., Feb. 4th: Fish Fry Planning Meeting**  
**This is an open organizational planning meeting. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend, especially new volunteers and individuals who benefit directly from contributions to Catholic Education.**

**6:00 PM : Thurs, Feb. 6th: Finance Council**  
**This is a closed meeting open only to members of the parish finance council. It is essential that all members be in attendance. Please call the call the rectory by Monday with any scheduling conflict.**

**All Meetings will be held in the Elizabethan Suite (formerly the Rectory Meeting Room).**

**6:00 PM: Mon., Feb. 10th: Basket Party Meeting**  
**This is an open organizational meeting. All who are interested in planning and participating in this event are invited and encouraged to attend.**

**From Pope Francis to the Pew:**

The following is the Angelus Message of Pope Francis from this past week in its entirety:

This Sunday, the Evangelist Luke presents Jesus to us in the synagogue in Nazareth, the town where He grew up. He reads the passage from the prophet Isaiah announcing the Messiah's evangelizing and liberating mission. He then says, in the general silence: ‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled’ (cf. Lk 4:21). Let us imagine the surprise and dismay of Jesus' fellow citizens, who knew Him as the carpenter Joseph's son and would never have imagined that He could present himself as the Messiah. It was bewildering. Yet this is precisely how it was: Jesus proclaims that, by His presence, ‘a year acceptable to the Lord’ (v. 19) has come. It is the glad tidings for all and in a special way for the poor, for the captives, for the blind, for the oppressed (cf. v. 18). That day, in Nazareth, Jesus confronted His interlocutors with a choice about His identity and mission. No one in the synagogue could help but wonder: is He only the carpenter's son who arrogates to Himself a role that does not belong to Him, or is He truly the Messiah, sent by God to save the people from sin and all evil? The Evangelist tells us that the Nazarenes failed to recognize the Lord's anointed one in Jesus. They thought they knew Him too well, and this, instead of facilitating the opening of their minds and hearts, prevented them from doing so, like a veil obscuring the light.

Sisters and brothers, this event, with the due analogies, also happens for us today. We too are challenged by the presence and words of Jesus; we too are called to recognize in Him the Son of God, our Savior. But it may happen to us, as it did to His countrymen, to think that we already know Him, that we already know everything about Him, that we have grown up with Him, in school, in the parish, in catechism, in a country with a Catholic culture... And so, for us too, He is a Person who is close, indeed perhaps even ‘too’ close. But let us try to ask ourselves: do we sense the unique authority with which Jesus of Nazareth speaks? Do we recognize that He is the bearer of a proclamation of salvation that no one else can give us? And I, do I feel in need of this salvation? Do I feel that I too am in some way poor, imprisoned, blind, oppressed? Then, only then, ‘the year of grace’ will be for me! Let us turn confidently to Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, to help us recognize Jesus.

In his **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Francis continues to contemplate Jesus our hope in the mystery of His origins, as narrated by the infancy Gospels, Whereas Luke lets us do so from the perspective of the mother, the Virgin Mary, instead Matthew takes the perspective of Joseph, the man who assumes the legal paternity of Jesus, grafting him onto the trunk of Jesse and linking him to the promise made to David. Indeed, Jesus is the hope of Israel which is fulfilled: He is the descendent promised to David, who makes his home “blessed forever.” “Joseph enters the scene in the Gospel of Matthew as Mary’s betrothed. For the Hebrews, betrothal was a full legal bond, which prepared for what would happen around a year later, the celebration of marriage. It was then that the woman passed from the father’s custody to that of her husband, moving into his home and making herself willing to the gift of motherhood. It is during this time that Joseph discovers Mary’s pregnancy, and his love is harshly put to the test. Faced with a similar situation, which would have led to the termination of the betrothal, the Law suggested two possible solutions: either a legal act of a public nature, such as the convocation of the woman in court, or a private action such as giving the woman a letter of repudiation. Matthew defines Joseph as a “righteous” man), a man who lives according to the Law of the

Lord, and who draws inspiration from this always. Following the Word of God, Joseph does not let himself be overcome by instinctive feelings and fear of accepting Mary with him but is guided by divine wisdom. He chooses to part with Mary quietly, privately. And this enables him not to make mistakes and to make himself open and docile to the voice of the Lord. Joseph of Nazareth dreams of the miracle that God fulfils in Mary’s life, and also the miracle that he works in his own life: to take on a fatherhood capable of guarding, protecting and passing on a material and spiritual inheritance. The womb of his bride is pregnant with God's promise, a promise that bears a name in which the certainty of salvation is given to all . As he sleeps, Joseph hears these words: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.” Joseph doesn’t ask for further proof; he trusts. Joseph trusts in God, he accepts the God’s dream of his life and that of his betrothed. He enters into the grace of one who knows how to live the divine promise with faith, hope and love. Joseph, in all of this, does not utter a word, but he believes, hopes and loves. He doesn’t express himself with “idle words”, but with concrete deeds. He belongs to the lineage of those who, according to the apostle James, “put the Word into practice” , translating it into deeds, flesh, life. Joseph trusts in God and obeys: “His inner watchfulness for God ... leads quite spontaneously to obedience” (Benedict XVI, The Infancy Narratives, Milan-Vatican City 2012, 57). Sisters, brothers, prays Pope Francis, let us ask the Lord for the grace to listen more than we speak, the grace to dream God’s dreams and to welcome responsibly the Christ who, from the moment of our baptism, lives and grows in our life.  
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**JUBILEE NEWS**

**-The Pilgrim’s Passport:** To be on pilgrimage during a Jubilee Year is a special time to gain special graces called plenary indulgences. The Pope has named Holy Door Churches throughout the world. Every bishop has been given permission to name holy sites in his diocese as travel sites. **The Pilgrims Passport** booklet available in the main vestibule of the Church includes the 13 Holy Site Churches named by Bishop Mark. All special prayers are included. A special incentive for individuals and families to win two overnight gift packages and special gift cards are part of the “Pilgrims Passport.” All of the information is in the inside cover. The booklets will be stamped at the Holy Site Churches as part of the gift opportunity. Pilgrims Passports will be available until 9/8/2025.  
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We are seeking extra copies of the **JUBILEE EDITION** of the Proclaim Magazine that is mailed to your home every month. If you are willing to donate your copy after you have read it, please bring to Church next weekend and place it in basket identified in the main vestibule of the Church.

**The month of February is dedicated For Vocations to the Priesthood And Religious Life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life.**